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2010 Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

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Cash receipts from the 2010 marketings of cattle, hogs, and sheep in Montana totaled \$1.2 billion, up 18 percent from 2009, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Cash receipts for all three categories increased from 2009.

Cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves in Montana during 2010 were up 18 percent from 2009 to \$1.1 billion. Marketings of cattle weighing 500 lbs or more, at 1.3 million head, were up slightly from 2009. Marketings of calves weighing less than 500 lbs increased 4 percent from the previous year to 250,000 head.

Cash receipts from the sale of hogs in Montana increased 28 percent from 2009 to \$46.8 million. Marketings of hogs and pigs rose 2 percent from the previous year to 429,000 head.

Sheep and lamb cash receipts in Montana were up 26 percent from the previous year to \$24.6 million. Marketings of sheep and lambs in 2010 were 48,500 and 169,000 head, respectively. Sheep marketings were up 17,000 head from last year, but lamb marketings were down 16,500 head.

Total U.S. 2010 production of cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled 72.4 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Production decreased 3 percent for hogs and pigs, 4 percent for sheep and lambs, but increased 1 percent for cattle and calves.

Total U.S. 2010 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 19 percent to \$70.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for over 73 percent of this total, hogs and pigs nearly 26 percent, and sheep and lambs less than 1 percent.

The 2010 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$70.5 billion, up 19 percent from 2009. Gross income for cattle and calves increased 17 percent, hogs and pigs increased 22 percent, and sheep and lambs increased 22 percent over previous year's gross income.

U.S. cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 17 percent from \$43.9 billion in 2009 to \$51.5 billion in 2010. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.5 billion pounds in 2010, up 2 percent from 2009. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$17.9 billion during 2010, up 22 percent from 2009. Marketings totaled 31.4 billion pounds in 2010, down 5 percent from 2009. Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2010 were \$544 million, up 22 percent from 2009. Marketings decreased 3 percent to 493 million pounds.

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